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LOK SABHA

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APPAREL INTERNATIONAL MARTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has unveiled Apparel International Marts in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the present position thereof;

(c) the extent to which it would be useful to the textile industry and the buyers; and

(d) the future programmes of Marts in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has approved one Apparel International Mart (AIM) project in Gurgaon (Haryana). The project is near completion. An auditorium made under the project has been inaugurated on 13.06.2006 by the Union Textile Minister.

(c)& (d): The AIM envisages networking of all the essential links of the export chain from apparel manufacturer and exporters to buyers and buying houses and the associations. Equipped with modern facilities conducive for international business, AIM is the single permanent industry platform offering immense possibilities for growth. The Mart would provide a permanent market place for the international buyers to do business. The Government plan to hold international fairs on apparel and on its inputs, productivity seminars, product development seminars, material sourcing and fashion forecast seminars for the benefit of garment exporters, suppliers etc. The AIM will also provide in-house facilities such as Forex and Bank. There is no proposal under consideration of Government for further expansion of AIM in other parts of the country.